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## PL(OLAC)/RKAS Concentrator Information February 11, 1993

This package contains information on the PL(OLAC)/RKAS solar concentrator for those who need to do modeling or other calculations. It contains the original design drawings, a map showing damaged concentrator facets, modeled solar flux, and a list of the approximate facet center positions. Measured flux data will be added to this package after we can realign our concentrator facets. We will also try to keep this information up to date as changes are made. Use this data at your own risk. We are willing to assist so please call, write, or email if you need anything.

The concentrator design drawings are accurate to the best of our knowledge. We used dimensions from the drawings to calculate the facet center positions for our own models (using some approximations). These approximate facet center positions are listed separately or you can get these electronically if you prefer. They are listed in (x, y, z) format. The coordinate system is right-handed with the x axis pointing up, the y axis pointing horizontally, and the z axis pointing towards the focal point. The origin is at the concentrator vertex. We have found that the calculated facet z components are within a centimeter. The x and y components could be off by several centimeters in the azimuthal direction. The magnitude of the x and y components,  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , is believed to be accurate to within a few millimeters.

The facets have two different values depending on which ring they are in (ring 1 is the closest to the concentrator center and ring 8 is the outermost). Facets in rings 1 through 5 have a focal length of  $4.33 \pm 0.03$  meters. Facets in rings 6 through 8 have a focal length of  $4.61 \pm 0.03$  meters. A number of facets are broken or missing. The cracks have been overlayed on a concentrator facet drawing (note the facets are not quite the proper shape in this drawing). Some of the cracks cause only slight problems, others give slope errors on the order of 5 milliradians. Other facets are completely missing (filled in on drawing), or covered (by a water based paint) because of the severity of the cracks. Also note that the gap that seperates neighboring facet reflecting surfaces is approximately one half of a centimeter.

We ran our concentrator model and plotted results for the target-plane placed at three different positions: 4.05, 4.10, and 4.15 meters from the concentrator vertex. The model assumed the concentrator focal point to be at 4.15 meters from the concentrator vertex. This package contains a contour plot and a surface plot for each position. These plots use the same scale; The plot boundaries extend from -10 cm to +10 cm from the target center in both target dimensions. The surface plot intensity scale is the same for all surface plots. The label of each plot reveals the assumed total slope error, 1.5 milliradians, the focal point of the concentrator, 4.15 meters, and the target position. The heliostat is assumed to reflect 90% of the incident light and the concentrator is assumed to reflect 94%

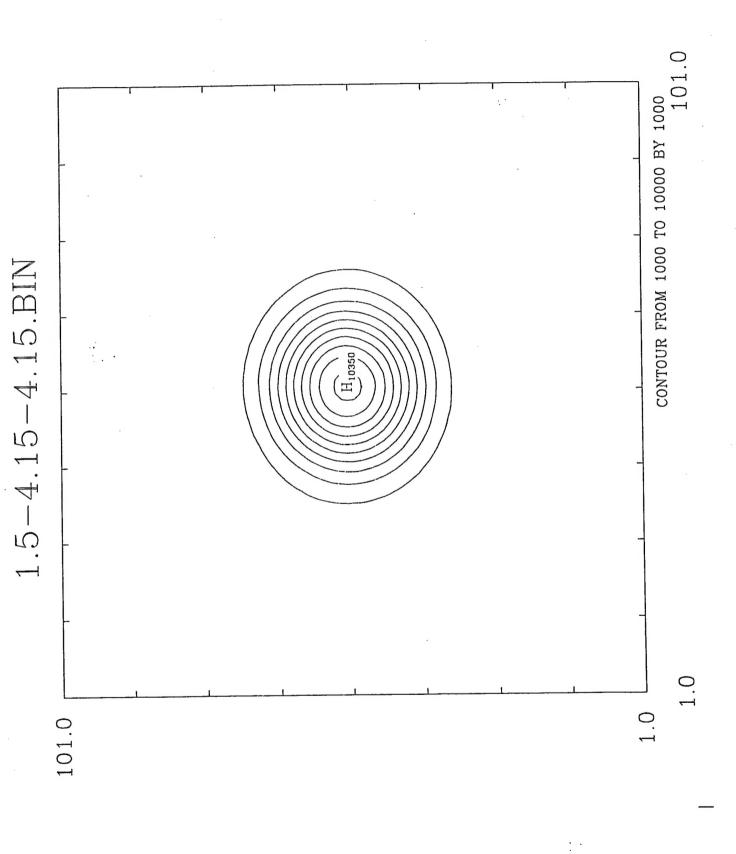
of the light from heliostat. The incident solar flux at the heliostat is assumed to be 1000 watts/meter<sup>2</sup>. These values assume optimal weather conditions, and well cleaned optical surfaces. The contour plot for the target at 4.15 meters shows that 10,350 suns (14,000,000 watts/meter<sup>2</sup>) can be achieved at the center of the target under these conditions.

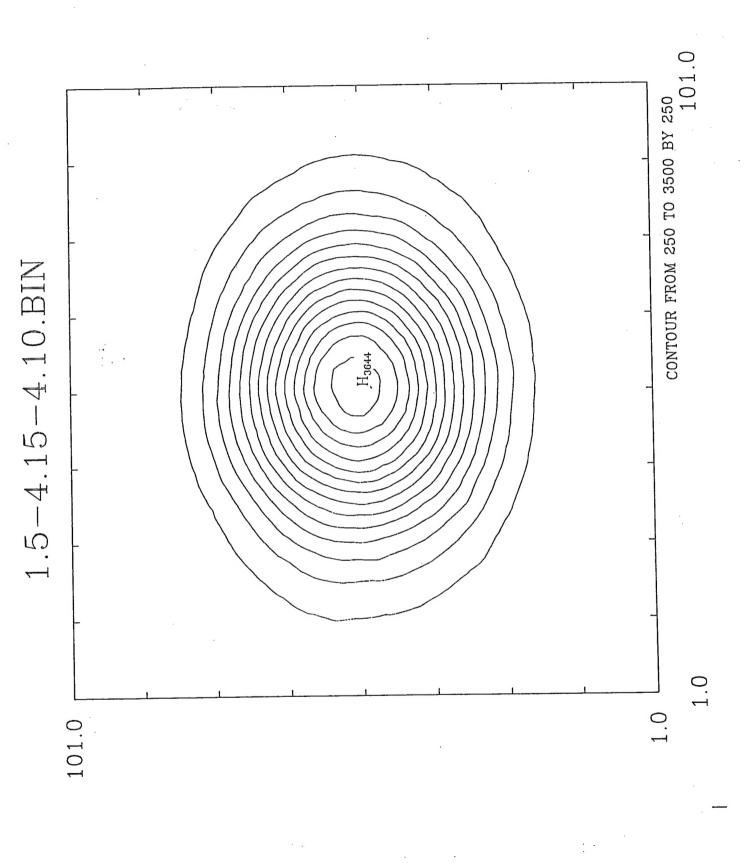
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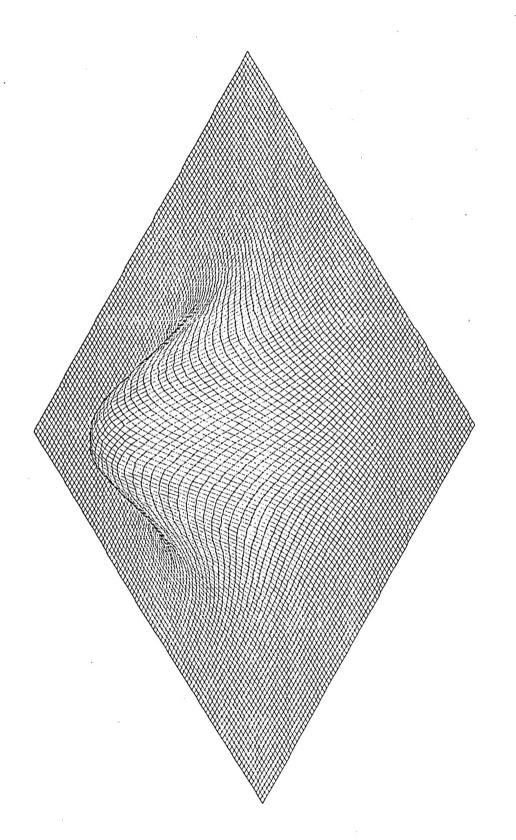
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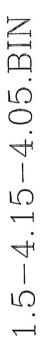
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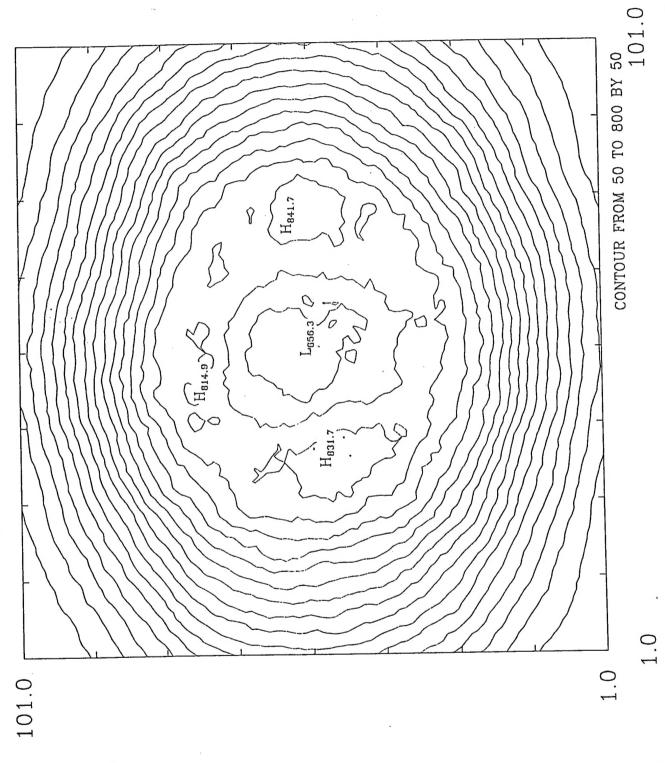
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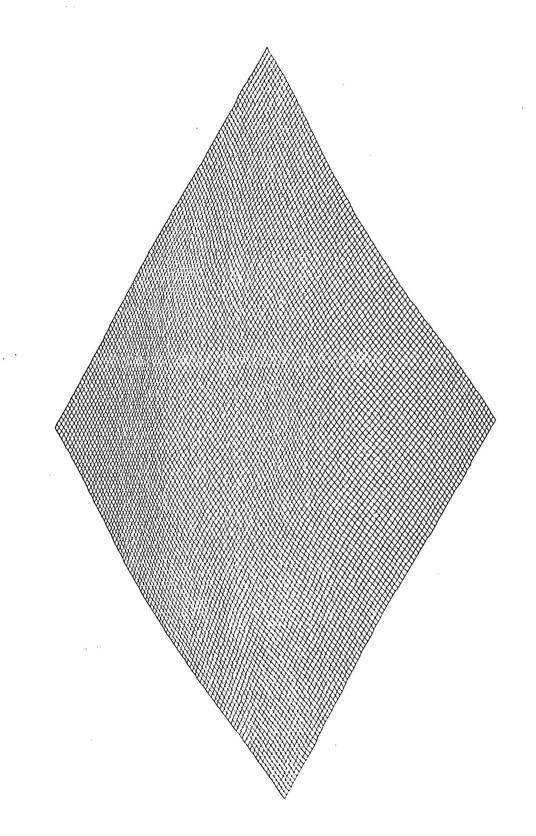


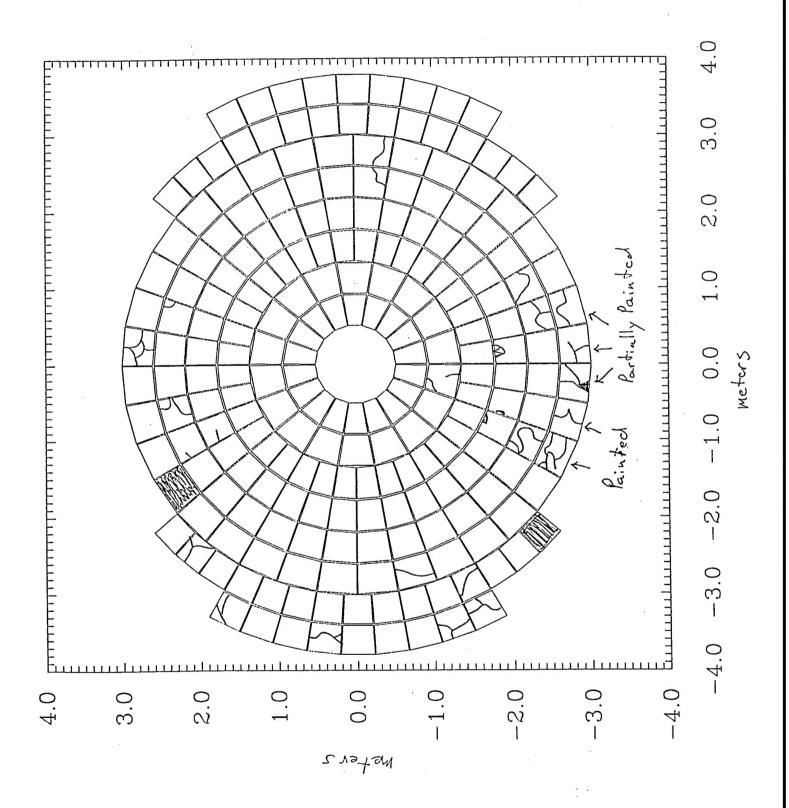












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